



## Module – Developing Realistic Tactical Objectives

### Overview

**This module is intended to point out pitfalls within the planning process and encourage firefighters to make plans that are resilient, robust, and ultimately successful.**

**Exercise:** Review the scenario in small groups and the most junior member of the group will act as the IC and answer the questions at the end of the scenario. The IC has the full resources of the experience of those in their group to draw from in answering the questions. Each group will present their solutions to the class.

#### Scenario 1.

You are conducting a large scale burnout with a helitorch to keep the fire out of a populated drainage and other critical operations are waiting on this part of the plan to be completed before they can continue. As the pilot begins to make his first pass with the helitorch he accidentally punches off the helitorch, it is now no more than a small mushroom cloud and a smoking hole in the ground. There are no replacement helitorches. Take five to ten minutes to answer the two questions. You can assume a type 3 organization and the typical resources available through the dispatch system.

- 1. What could have been done differently in the planning stage to have kept the organization functioning despite the problem?**
- 2. What will you do to get the organization back on track given the current situation?**

#### Scenario 2.

You are prepping a half mile uphill line with a hoselay prior to burning out the area which the operational plan depends on completing to secure the division. Once the hose is in place you discover that water pressure is insufficient to charge the top half of the hoselay. It will take a full day to get more pumps from the cache. Take five to ten minutes to answer the two questions. You can assume a type 3 organization and the typical resources available through the dispatch system.

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(These events actually happened in one form or another.)



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